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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please amend the claims as follows:**

27. (Amended) A semiconductor element according to claim 25, wherein said outer circumferential negative electrode is formed to have a height at least equal to a height of a light-emitting layer on a side of at least one side wall of said light-emitting layer.

**Please add a new claim as follows:**

--29. (New) A semiconductor element according to claim 26, wherein said outer circumferential negative electrode is formed to have a height at least equal to a height of a light-emitting layer on a side of at least one side wall of said light-emitting layer.--